

New Mexico Courts E-Filing Update

Electronic filing is finally becoming a long-overdue reality in our state courts. It's already up and running for all civil cases in the 13th Judicial District and will be fully operational in all civil cases in the 1st District beginning October 3 and the 2nd District beginning October 31. It will continue to be rolled out systematically around the rest of the State as soon as limited State funding and personnel resources will permit, with criminal e-filing following the completion of civil toward the end of 2012. For more information, go to <http://www.nmcourts.gov/index.php> and click on the "E-Filing" link, contact the clerks of E-Filing courts, or use the "Contact" information on the E-Filing launch page of any participating court's website to get help from our software experts by phone at 1-800-297-5377 or by e-mail at efilingsupport@tyler.com.

We have no doubt that bringing us into the digital age will ultimately increase efficiency and reduce costs for litigants, attorneys, and courts in a very short time. Even though we have been unable to get state funding to pay all associated costs, the minimal \$6 charge for an unlimited number of documents in a single e-filing and the \$4 charge for instant E-service are a fraction of filer costs of materials, supplies, and personnel involved in producing, transporting, filing and mailing paper documents, which a number of studies have shown to cost between \$15 and \$30 for an average filing.

We appreciate your understanding and support during this transition phase, while we overcome inevitable glitches and familiarize everyone with the process.

Charles W. Daniels
Chief Justice